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Random Notes *on this and that*

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Allen Dulles reveals what might be described as modified candor in "The Craft of Intelligence," now in a Signet reprint. . . . The former CIA head is informative and not without frankness in explaining the ways and means of our espionage apparatus. . . . And when reminiscing about spies and spying from his long experience in the secret craft. . . . It is when he comes to the questionable matter of the organization's activities in conspiracy and subversion that candor is replaced by disingenuousness. . . . He also displays annoyance at criticism of the agency in several recent books. . . . On the whole, though, he is interesting and illuminating.